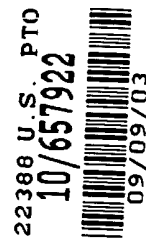




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REQUEST FOR CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for the filing of a Continuation Application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of pending application Serial No. 09/845,535, filed April 30, 2001, by John W. Lehmann, et al., entitled CRYOSURGICAL CATHETER. This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/201,071, filed November 30, 1998, now issued Patent 6,235,019, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/893,825, filed July 11, 1997, now issued Patent No. 5,899,899, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/807,382, filed February 27, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,899,898, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including 13 sheets of drawings containing Figs. 1-39, as originally filed.

I hereby state that the attached papers are a copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/845,535, filed April 30, 2001, without any new matter therein.

Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment, ten sheets of formal drawings, Figs. 1-39, a copy of a prior executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, a Notice of Change of Correspondence Address, a check to the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the amount of \$375, and a return receipt postcard.

Please cancel in this application original Claims 1-23 of the prior application, and add Claims 24-38 as set forth in the Preliminary Amendment enclosed herewith, before calculating the filing fee.

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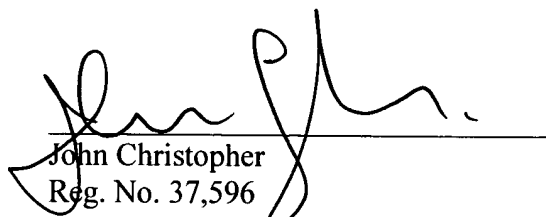
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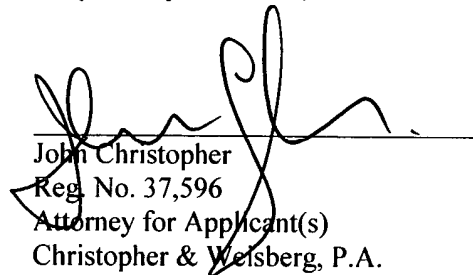
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